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SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE
COLLECTION OF
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DEVICE DATA

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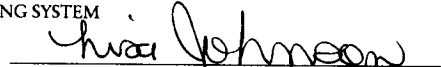
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Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 2; and

Remarks beginning on page 8.

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